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RAILROADS SAVE NEARLY TWO MILLION TONS OF COAL;
ENGINEERS, CREWS GIVEN HOUSING PREFERENCE

Since the transportation industry is the greatest user of fuel in the country, special emphasis is placed on the saving of coal. Railroad workers on the Southern Railroad System voluntarily conserved 40,000 tons of coal which was placed on reserve. Other lines followed this action and in 5 months, 1,956,000 tons of coal were stockpiled.

While the work in general seems to be satisfactory, there are some who are not fulfilling their obligations. Some leaders are covering up damage and plundering of freight, and furthermore are not conducting a relentless campaign to prevent these things. Measures should be taken to employ a more stringent discipline; all violators should be punished.

During the years 1946 - 1948, a total of 2,649,000,000 rubles were spent in the railroad industry for residential and cultural buildings. In this time, railroad workers received 1,870,000 square meters of living space. This figure does not include 14,986 individual homes, which the workers built with government aid, and 4,200 homes built for engineers. For 1949, the government has allotted 954,200,000 rubles for residential and cultural buildings.

The government is especially concerned about locomotive crews and has established 39 three-year schools for training engineers. Labor contracts with locomotive crews provide for bonuses based on length of service. Engineers, their assistants and firemen have been allotted 10 percent of all new and renovated housing provided to the industry. In addition, individual houses are built specially for engineers, who get them at a reduced price and pay for them in installments over a period of 10 years.

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